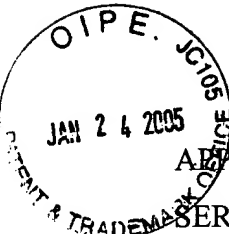


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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed **November 22, 2004**. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.